

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Cancelled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A cigarette having a tobacco rod and a wrapper for said tobacco rod, wherein said wrapper is combustible, burns, and ashes, and comprises porous particulate cerium oxide having an average particle size of less than about 30 μm .

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) A cigarette of claim 2, wherein said cerium oxide has a high surface area in excess of about 20 m^2/g and an average particle size greater than about 1 μm .

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A cigarette of claim 2, wherein said cerium oxide is admixed with a zeolite.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) A cigarette of claim 4, wherein said cerium oxide is provided as a layer adjacent to a layer of zeolite.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A cigarette of claim 2, wherein said wrapper further comprises at least one of a metal and metal oxide oxidation catalyst, said metal and/or metal oxide oxidation catalyst being selected from the group consisting of precious metals, transition metal oxides, rare earth metal oxides, metals from groups IIA and IVA, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) A cigarette of claim 6 wherein said selected metal or metal oxide oxidation catalyst is selected from the group consisting of platinum, palladium,

copper oxide, iron oxide, magnesium oxide, silver oxide, titanium oxide, zirconium oxide, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) A cigarette of claim 7 wherein said transition metal oxide is iron oxide.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A cigarette of claim 2 wherein said cerium oxide is incorporated within said wrapper at a loading rate of about 2.5 g/m² to about 125 g/m².

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) A cigarette of claim 6, wherein said mixture of metal oxides comprises porous particulate cerium oxide/ zirconium oxide.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) A cigarette of claim 10, wherein said mixture of metal oxides comprises porous particulate cerium oxide/ zirconium oxide and palladium.

Claims 12 - 46. (Cancelled)